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Dear Colleagues,

During the month of February, we celebrate the culture, heritage, and countless diverse contributions of African Americans. EPA's Black History Month National Observance Event will bring awareness to the hidden figures from our history and pay homage to their sacrifice. It is also an opportunity to look back in our history while seeking to move forward.

I invite you to join me at EPA's celebration of Black History Month on **Thursday, February 25, 2021, starting at 12:00 p.m. ET via [Teams Live Event](#)**. The theme for this observance is exploring the culture of "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Influencing America." This theme examines the vital role HBCUs play in the Black community, alumni, and community resources in American culture.

The **keynote speaker** is Ms. Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, Ph.D., MPH Assistant Professor, Environmental and Health Sciences, Spelman College. The **panel moderator** is Carlton Waterhouse, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management and the **panel will consist of:** James McDonald, Mission Support Division Director, Region 6 and Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee; Arnold E. Layne, Deputy Office Director, Office of Pesticides Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; Vickie Tellis, Deputy Director, Mission Support Division, Region 4; and Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Headquarters.

Sign Language Interpreters and Cart Services will be present and available for the Black History Month Observance event. Persons needing reasonable accommodations should contact Kristin Tropp, National Reasonable Accommodation Program, Office of Civil Rights, at 202-559-0006 or tropp.kristin@epa.gov.

This event will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams. After the event, a copy of the video will be made available on EPA's On Demand page on the [Office of Multimedia site](#). Please [mark your calendar](#) and plan to attend.

I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Jane Nishida
Acting Administrator